



## FISCAL MEMORANDUM

### HB 1753 - SB 1834

February 1, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (012893):** Requires Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) tests to be administered in paper format for students in grades three through five (3-5) in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years and for students in grades six-through eight (6-8) in the 2021-22 school year. Requires end-of-course (EOC) assessments to be administered in a computerized or online format in the 2021-22 school year for grades nine through 12 (9-12). Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to determine the TCAP and EOC testing format for students in grades 6-12 beginning in the 2022-23 school year and for students in grades 3-5 beginning in the 2023-24 school year.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

#### NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-6013 provides the Commissioner of DOE with sole authority to determine the format for TCAP tests administered in the 2020-21 school year.
- For the 2021-22 school year, TCAP tests will be administered in paper format for grades two through eight and online for high school EOC assessments.
- The Commissioner of DOE will be authorized to determine the TCAP and EOC testing format for students in grades 6-12 beginning in the 2022-23 school year and TCAP testing for students in grades 3-5 beginning in the 2023-24 school year.
- DOE has planned expenditures through the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., totaling \$13,250,512 in FY22-23 and \$11,485,230 in FY23-24.
- The current contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., terminates in 2024; thus, future expenses related to TCAP testing administration will change in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- The maximum liability under the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., is \$17,358,420 in FY22-23 and \$17,362,740 in FY23-24.
- Any changes to TCAP and EOC testing administration authorized under this legislation are currently within DOE's budgeted plan within the NCS Pearson, Inc. contract and it is reasonably estimated that DOE will have funds within their budget to meet the annual maximum liability allocation in FY22-23 and FY23-24.
- Schools will be able to administer TCAP and EOC testing in compliance with the proposed legislation and within existing resources.

- Any impact to local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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